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Jamaica, August 25.

Vice-Admiral *Bembow*, with 7 Men of War, has been on the North side of *Hispaniola*, and put the *French* under a great Consternation at *Leogane* and *Petit-Guaves*, having forced ashore a Man of War of 46 Guns, which the *French* blew up, to prevent her falling into our hands. The Admiral with his Boats set fire to two great Merchant Ships, and took two more, with a Brigantine and a Sloop, which were brought into *Port Royal* the 14th Instant by the *Colchester*. Some Ships were seen on the 27th off of *Porto-Rico*, which are supposed to be *Du Casse*'s Squadron, with some Transport-Ships, designed for *Cartagena*; and the Admiral having notice of their Arrival in these parts, is sailed from *Hispaniola*, in search of them. This day one of our Privateers has sent into this Port a *Spanish* Barca-longa laden with Tobacco.

Lisbon, November 24. *N. S.* The Almirante of *Castile* (who still continues here, and in all probability will not return to *Madrid* under the present Government) has been well received by the King, and the Nobility has shewn him all the Marks of Esteem that are due to his Quality and Merit, to which he has made suitable Returns, and by his obliging Carriage and Conversation rendered himself very acceptable to this Court and City. This week he waited on the Queen Dowager of *England*. The *Pool* and *Lime*, two *English* Men of War, are returned hither from cruizing; They met a *French* Man of War of 50 Guns on the other side of Cape *St. Vincent*, which they engaged; she narrowly escaped being taken, by flying under the Protection of a *Portuguese* Castle, having lost many of her Men, and received great Damage. The *Lime* lost her Main-Mast, and is now refitting here.

Venice, November 10. The *French* are making Provision at *Mantua* for the Subsistence of 10000 Men, which the Garison of that Place is to consist of; and intend to have also a good number of Troops in Garison at *Guastalla*. Their Bridge at *Luzzara* being broke by the late swelling of the *Po*, they are going to make another near *Casal-Maggiore*. The Imperialists are likewise laying a Bridge over that River, for the Communication of their Forces lying at *Ostiglia* with those which are quartered at *Rovero*; and they are fortifying *Mirandola* and *San-Benedetto*, in which last Place they have great Magazines of Provisions. It is said, Prince *Eugene* expects a Reinforcement of 3 Regiments of Foot from *Germany*, and will send home as many Regiments of Horse, being those in his Army that have suffered most this Campaign, which are to be quartered in the Country of *Tirol*, to recruit, and will in the mean time be employed in making Excursions into the Elector of *Bavaria*'s Country. They write from *Milan*, that the Ambassadors of this Republick have had Audience of Leave of the King of *Spain*, and are upon their Return home; and that he has put off his Departure for *Spain* till the 6th Instant. The Cardinal *d'Estrees* has received Orders from the *French* Court to accompany him to *Madrid*, in order to assist him with his Advice. General *Mocenigo*, who commanded the Forces of this State in *Dalmatia*, is lately returned from thence, and waited upon the Senate the 2d Instant, to give them an Account of his Administration of Affairs in that Province.

Warsaw, November 12. *N. S.* The Two Imperial Envoys, Count *Straatman* and Count *Zinzendorf* (which last is lately come hither from the King of *Sweden*'s Camp) having conferred together, the former went Post this week from hence to *Thorn*, to wait upon the King of *Poland*. The King has lately reviewed the Forces which he is sending into the Emperor's Service; they consist of 4 Regiments of Horse, and 6 of Foot, and are commanded by General *Robel*, and they are marching towards the Frontiers of *Silesia*, where they are to be by the 19th of the next Month. The rest of the *Saxon* Troops are quartered about *Thorn*, *Dantzick*, *Kalisch*, and other Towns in the *Polish Prussia*. It is said, the *Polish* Nobility is extreamly satisfied to see their Country eased from giving Quarters to so many of the *Saxon* Troops as are sent to the Emperor's Assistance; and that they have assured the King of *Poland*, that in case the Negociation now on foot for a Peace with *Sweden* proves unsuccessful, which the *French* endeavour to bring about by all kind of Artifices, not only the Armies of *Poland* and *Lithuania* shall be employed against the *Swedes*, but a very considerable Body of *Polish* Gentlemen will mount on Horseback for his Service. Count *Zinzendorf* is to act as Mediator between *Sweden* and *Poland*, and in the mean time will continue here till a Place of Treaty be appointed. The Forces of *Oginsky* are still in motion in *Courland*, and take all Opportunities of annoying the *Swedes*. We hear, the *Muscovites* are departed out of *Livonia*, after having miserably ravaged that Province; and that they are turning their whole Force against *Ingria* and *Finland*.

Vienna, Novemb. 15. The War being declared against the Elector of *Bavaria*, the Count *de Martinitz*, Marshal of the Court, notified on the 4th Instant to his Resident, That it was the Emperor's Pleasure he should depart from hence in 4 days time; he obtained Leave to stay a week longer, to settle his own private Concerns; and that time being expired, he has accordingly left this Place, and is upon his Journey home. This Court is taking the necessary Measures for giving that Elector's Forces so much Employment at home in defending his own Territories, that he may not be at leisure to invade those of his Neighbours; And for this purpose the Emperor has taken into his Service a Body of the King of *Poland*'s *Saxon* Forces, which is now actually marching towards *Bohemia*, and will there be joined by several Imperial Regiments, in order to form an Army, and to attack the

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